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## Prisiones de ICE en Michigan continúan alimentando la oposición en todo el estado

Texto y fotos por Erick Díaz Veliz

Un grupo de casi 50 manifestantes se reunió este pasado lunes 18 de mayo frente a la Theodore Levin Federal Courthouse en Detroit para expresar su apoyo a una demanda federal presentada por la Ministra de Justicia Estatal Dana Nessel y la ciudad de Romulus, la cual estaba programada para ser escuchada dentro del tribunal esa mañana.

La audiencia fue reprogramada. Se ha fijado una conferencia de estado para el miércoles (después de que EL CENTRAL entró a imprenta), donde se podría establecer una nueva fecha de audiencia, según Danny Wimmer, portavoz de Nessel, quien habló con el Detroit Free Press. También destacó que, según el Departamento de Justicia, ICE y el Departmento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) no emitirán un contrato de construcción para el Romulus Warehouse antes de finales de mes.

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## ICE Prisons in Michigan Continue to Fuel Statewide Opposition

Story and Photos by Erick Díaz Veliz

*Protestors outside the North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin, Michigan. April 26th, 2026.*

A group of nearly 50 protesters gathered this past Monday, May 18 in front of the Theodore Levin Federal Courthouse in Detroit to express their support for a federal lawsuit filed by State Attorney General Dana Nessel and the City of Romulus, which was scheduled to be heard inside the courthouse that morning.

It was rescheduled. A status conference has been scheduled for Wednesday (after EL CENTRAL went to press), where a new hearing date may be set, according to Danny Wimmer, Nessel spokesman, who spoke to the Detroit Free Press. He also highlighted that, according to the Department of Justice, ICE and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will not issue a construction contract for the Romulus Warehouse before the end of the month.

Melody Simmons with Coalition to Shut the Camps said the hearing is being delayed by the DHS. "You do not ask for a delay

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## AT&T, Human-I-T Team Up with SER Metro-Detroit and Mayor Mary Sheffield: 100 Laptops Provided to Detroit Seniors

AT&T and Human-I-T are collaborating with SER Metro-Detroit to provide 100 refurbished laptops to seniors affected by the digital divide.

The laptops, funded by an AT&T community investment, were given to pre-selected seniors attending an event at AT&T's Connected Learning Center (CLC) located within SER Metro-Detroit on Tuesday, May 19.

"We know how important connection is for seniors," said David Lewis, President, AT&T Heartland States. "Technology can make life more convenient, safe, and connected to loved ones. But we also know that older adults are the demographic least likely to be online for a variety of factors. With these laptops, we hope to help more seniors in Detroit have the resources and digital knowledge they need to keep those connections."

"Ensuring Detroit's senior residents have access to all of the resources they need to thrive is a major focus of mine and my administration. That includes having access to the tools and skills needed to participate in today's digital world," said Mayor Mary Sheffield. "This collaboration with AT&T, Human-I-T and SER Metro-Detroit will help more seniors access important online resources, stay connected with family and community, and navigate everyday life with greater confidence."

After the device distribution, seniors also learned about digital literacy topics ranging from basic technology skills like how to navigate websites and use email, to how to stay safe online and avoid scams and fraud.

"At SER Metro-Detroit, we see every day how important digital connection is for our seniors – from staying in touch with loved ones to accessing essential services and community resources," said Eva Garza Dewaelsche, President & CEO, SER Metro-Detroit. "These laptops from AT&T will help seniors build confidence, strengthen their technology skills, and stay connected in meaningful ways."

AT&T opened its CLC at SER Metro-Detroit in 2022 to provide free access to digital resources, including high-speed AT&T Fiber internet, Wi-Fi, Dell computers, and digital literacy resources to the Detroit community.

*Mayor Mary Sheffield presents refurbished laptop to a senior to help bridge the digital divide.*

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, millions nationwide, including in Michigan, still don't have access to the internet or connected devices needed to fully participate in the online world – an issue known as the digital divide.

The Pew Research Center found that older adults were the least likely demographic

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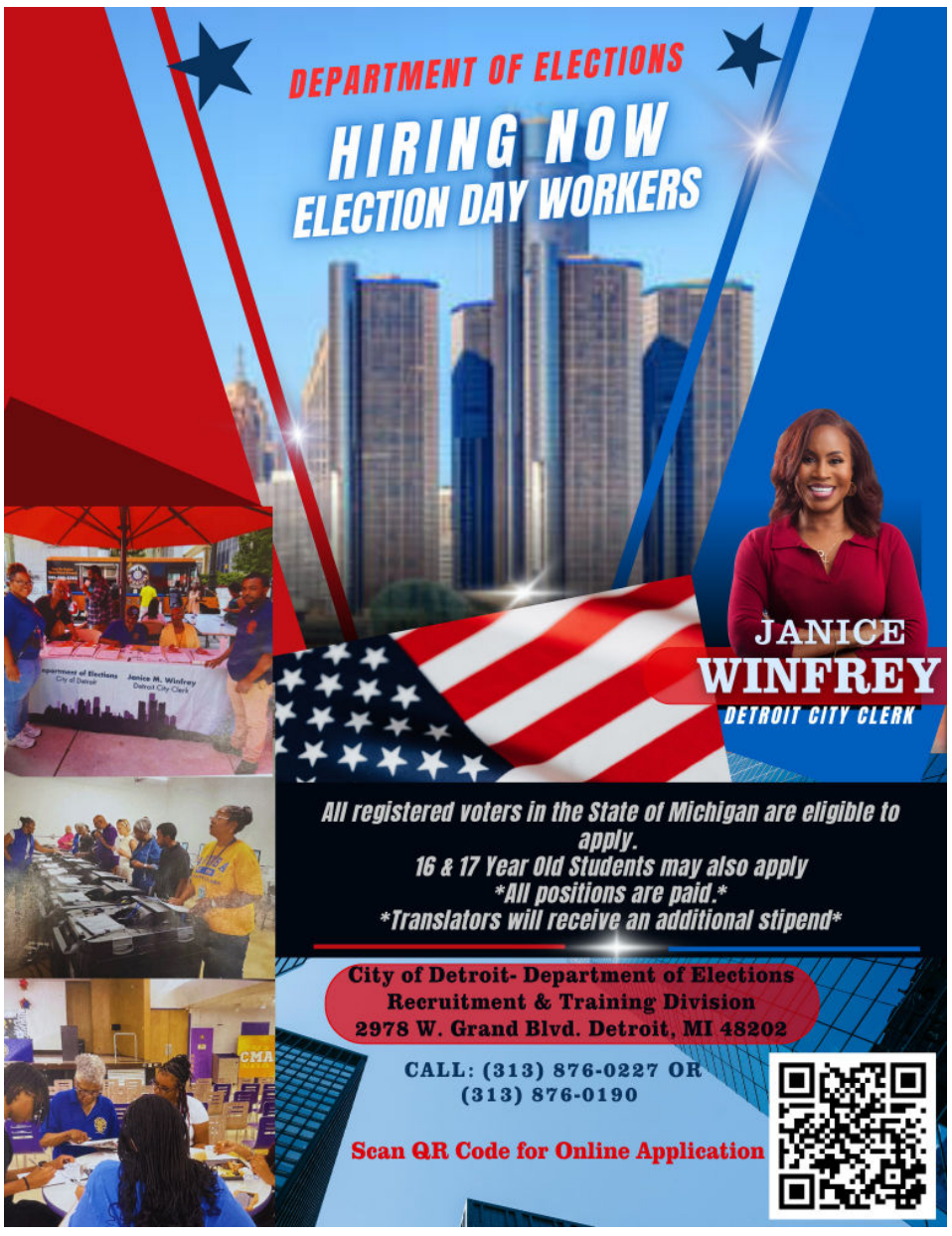
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# "Occupy the Summer" Aims to Keep Youth Safe and Engaged

By Estefania Arellano-Bermudez

As summer approaches and concerns about youth safety rise, Detroit officials are rolling out programs to keep young people active and off the streets.
At this week's Department of Neighborhoods (DON Cast) meeting last Monday evening, city leaders introduced "Occupy the Summer," an initiative that will extend recreation hours, host themed Friday nights, and host nighttime basketball leagues to create safe spaces and extend opportunities to youth in our community.

The "Occupy the Summer" program aims to extend the hours of operation at nine City of Detroit recreation centers, which will remain open until 11 p.m. from June 12th through August 14th on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This initiative is designed to provide safe, engaging spaces for the youth during summer months.

On Fridays, there will be a special series titled "Summer Friday." Each Friday will have a unique theme beginning with a bike giveaway on June 12th at the Adam's Butzel Recreation Center. On July 31st, there is a planned Arts and Culture night at Clark Park in Southwest Detroit. July 17th there will be an Expand Your Horizons: Sports Night at the .Lasky Recreation Center

"We want to make sure we have some sports that maybe you don't see so much in the city, lacrosse, hockey, skateboarding…" said Tyler Searcy, the city's special projects and events coordinator.

Other "Summer Friday" events include a Juneteenth celebration, a skate night, and a small business pitch competition. All ages are welcome to the "Summer Friday" events.

Another announcement was dubbed "Midnight Basketball' in response to calls about basketball being played in the streets.

"We get a lot of phone calls about the youth playing basketball in the street. This is a way to let them know that the city has an opportunity for them to go play in the league somewhere else to respect the ordinance while still allowing kids to be kids," Hughes said.

The games will be pickup game style 8-11 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays at Coleman A. Young Recreation Center, Northwest Activities Center, and Kemeny Recreation Center. There will be a men's league and a women's league. The leagues will be for ages 16-26. Free jerseys and gym shoes will be provided. In addition, there will be free haircuts and wraparound services provided.

For more information on "Occupy the Summer," visit the website https://ots.detroitmi.gov/.

Although the goal of the zoom was to spotlight the plans for Mayor Sheffield's upcoming Occupy the Summer events, business owner Delroy Thomas of First Place Lounge made sure to shout out the east side of Detroit's commercial corridors.

"Harper [Avenue] is where you need to be. Come and join us," said Thomas. His business, First Place Lounge was a Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DECG) Legacy Business award recipient in 2025.

A figure of note was announced at the meeting. Last year, the city of Detroit gained 5,000 residents.

"The 5,000 actually tipped the scale for the city to lead in population growth, which means we surpassed every other city in the state of Michigan," said Alexis Ware, Deputy Director of Media Relations.

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Occupy the Summer will feature:
• Extended Recreation Center Hours
• Summer Friday Neighborhood Activations
• Midnight Basketball Leagues
Beginning June 12th - August 14th

## Occupy the Summer 2026 Summer Friday Volunteer Registration

Join us this summer in making a difference for Detroit youth!

Mayor Mary Sheffield and the City of Detroit's Office of Neighborhood Affairs and Community Safety are launching citywide summer programming designed to keep young people engaged, connected, and supported.

Summer Fridays will begin Friday, June 12th - August 18th from 5pm - 8pm.

Volunteers will play a key role in creating safe, fun, and positive experiences for youth across Detroit.

Sign up today and help us build a stronger, safer summer for our city.

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| June 26 | SixNic in Partnership with Icewear Vezzo | Martz Park |
| July 3 | Daisy Lane Partnership | Barthwell Stewart Park |
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| July 17 | Expand Your Horizons: Sports Night | Lasky Recreation Center |
| July 24 | Small Business Night and Sheff Tank Pitch Competition | TBD |
| July 31 | Arts and Culture Night | TBD |
| August 7 | Bike Night | Joe Louis Greenway |
| August 14 | Occupy the Summer Finale & Back to School Giveaway in Partnership with Boys and Girls Club | Diehl Club |

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# DPSCD Unveils High School Redesign, a Transformative Model for the Next Generation of Students

Before a packed audience of alumni, educators, business leaders, and community champions at the DPSCD Foundation Hall of Fame Alumni Gala last Saturday evening, May 16, the Detroit Public Schools Community District and DPSCD Foundation unveiled a historic new High School Redesign model that will change high school as we know it for thousands of DPSCD students.

This fall, the transformative approach to high school will reach nearly 8,000 students across all 11 DPSCD neighborhood high schools. Beginning in 9th grade, each student will receive four years of advising and career navigation support every day from 9th grade until graduation. Every student will be able to choose a pathway to one of 5 new diplomas:

- **Honors:** AP classes to provide students with a competitive application to a four university
- **Dual Degree:** An associates degree and high school diploma at the same time
- **Career Ready:** Students graduate with the necessary credentials for a role right after high school
- **Arts:** A competitive portfolio for college advancement
- **Michigan Merit:** Signals successful completion of all high school requirements

"In Detroit, we don't have a talent gap — we have an opportunity gap. And this redesign fills that gap with great intentionality and more resources," said Dr. Nikolai Vitti, DPSCD Superintendent. "We really want high school to be a springboard to life, college, and careers — not just a diploma you get on the way out the door."

The initiative represents the most significant structural change to Detroit's neighborhood high schools in a generation, prioritizing career readiness and individualized student support. As part of the plan, an eighth period will be added to the school day for a seminar class where students will take a "design your life" course or participate in an elective that satisfies a graduation requirement. By 11th and 12th grade, students will spend more time outside the school building either on college campuses as part of dual enrollment or participating in career-focused internships.

The redesign restructures the school day around four core pillars:

- **Advising and Navigation:** Daily support starting in 9th grade to guide students through workforce development.
- **Rigor and Readiness:** Elevated academic standards with embedded intervention and teacher planning time.
- **Schedule and Structure:** A reimagined school day that makes space for career and college coursework.
- **College and Career Aligned Experiences:** Five distinct diploma pathways.

"This is the kind of systemic change that doesn't happen overnight — it takes vision, collaboration, and a willingness to rethink everything about how we serve students," Dr. Vitti added. "Our teachers, principals, counselors, board members, and families all had a hand in shaping this framework. High School Redesign ensures that a DPSCD diploma means something — that every graduate walks across the stage with a credential, a plan, and a real advantage in life."

**A Collaborative Effort**

High School Redesign was developed through significant collaboration with students, educators, principals, school board members, families, and community voices, ensuring the transformation reflects the lived experiences and aspirations of those it serves. Under the plan, a student who enters 9th grade who may be struggling academically and unsure about the future will receive daily advisory support, immediate academic intervention, and guided exploration of career interests.

"By 10th grade, that student selects a diploma pathway," said Kerrie Mitchell Campbell-Mabins, CEO of the DPSCD Foundation. "By 11th and 12th grade, they are earning college credits or industry certifications through community college partnerships, participating in paid internships, and graduating with a clear next step — whether that is a high-wage job or continued education."

DPSCD's on-time 4-year graduation rate has reached an all-time high of 83.2 percent, surpassing the district's previous record of 78.3 percent and placing DPSCD within less than one percentage point of the state average of 84 percent. But, in neighborhood schools. 52 percent of 10th grade students are currently behind on graduation credits and only 24% attend college. High School Redesign is meant to address that challenge.

Western International High School and East English Village Preparatory Academy both piloted the program this year with positive results.

"I don't think I've ever been more excited about anything as a principal," said Western International High School Principal Angel Garcia. "Our ninth graders were significantly more on track after the pilot. The data is clear – we're moving in the right direction."

Participating neighborhood high schools this fall include: East English Village Preparatory Academy, Central, Cody, Denby, Henry Ford, Mumford, Northwestern, Osborn, Pershing, Southeastern, and Western International High School.

The total annual cost for implementation is $13.5 million. The DPSCD Foundation is launching an $1,100 Impact for High School Redesign' campaign to bridge the remaining gap. The campaign invites donors to invest $1,100 per year — just $92 per month — to assist in covering a student's full year of academic and mentorship support.

"High School Redesign is personal to me. I'm a DPSCD grad. High school should not be the same experience now as it was for me 20-something years ago," said Campbell-Mabins. "We're ensuring a brighter future for all Detroit students. This will benefit the entire ecosystem – and the city as a whole."

The first 100 donors will be inducted into the Founding 100 Circle with permanent recognition. Supporters will receive personalized annual impact reports and invitations to the Annual Impact Summit.

**About DPSCD Foundation**

Launched in 2003, the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) Foundation is Michigan's largest public school foundation and the official philanthropic arm of Detroit Public Schools Community District. The DPSCD Foundation is dedicated to innovating opportunities that empower DPSCD students to rise by investing in Detroit students, families, and educators, and providing programs and resources that prepare our city's scholars for success in college, careers, and life.

Since its inception, the DPSCD Foundation has raised more than $30 million to create and enhance educational opportunities for DPSCD. Learn more at dpscdfoundation.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

# Detroit Rep's Season Finale Offers Satirical Masterpiece 'Spit in Your Face'

***By Amber Ogden***

There is a distinct energy that fills the historic Detroit Repertory Theatre. For 69 seasons, this cultural anchor has remained resilient, serving as a sanctuary for stories that reflect the beautiful, deeply diverse reality of our community. As the Rep prepares to close out its current season, it isn't bowing out quietly. Instead, it is throwing its doors wide open for a world premiere that promises to leave audiences laughing, squirming, and thinking long after the house lights come up.

Opening Friday, May 29, 2026, Spit in Your Face, co-written by Paul Heller and Alberto Lomnitz, is a bombastic, unapologetic satire that takes a sledgehammer to the egos of modern politics and the performative nature of cultural representation. The production hits close to home, tackling a dynamic that many within Detroit's Latino and Indigenous communities know all too well, and that's the exhaustion of having well-meaning, self-proclaimed "allies" dictate our struggles for us.

The spark for this script actually came from a real-life encounter at an international festival where an American organizer pressured the writers to deliver a land acknowledgment.

"It doesn't really make a lot of sense from where we stand in Mexico City," Lomnitz explains.

"Who am I supposed to acknowledge? The Aztec Empire? Who were conquerors of others? There's such a long chain of conquerors. The whole idea of a land acknowledgment to me was absurd, seemed highly hypocritical."

Instead of staying frustrated, they turned that hypocrisy into theatrical gold, creating a story centered on Liliana, a young Mexican-American theater major caught in the crossfire of ideologies. On one side is Tom, the earnest, progressive American producer.

On the other hand, Fernando Calderón is a wild, avant-garde Mexican director. As these two men clash over who holds the moral high ground, neither actually listens to the woman standing right in front of them. Both want to claim her, but neither sees her.

Lomnitz notes that Fernando is a sharp critique of the privileged Mexican elite.

"He still is a privileged white... what in Mexico we call a 'whitexican.' He speaks as if he were the representative of poor Mexico exploited by the United States, and Liliana says, 'You're upper class... part of the ruling class who have oppressed my parents.'"

Heller found a therapeutic irony in writing Tom's character.

"I really do believe in the progressive ideas of Tom, and it was fun to put my ideas in his mouth and to see how silly some of them are, but how heartfelt, a progressive innocent."

For the local actors bringing this madness to life, the text feels revolutionary. Henry Ballesteros, making his highly anticipated Rep debut as the outrageous Fernando, recalls his immediate connection to the pages.

"When I first read the script, I kind of, like the first time I felt seen as a Latino," Ballesteros said.

"I've gone to countless shows where people who look like me are in the ensemble or have one or two lines, and this play really talks about that. It really brings to light not really the Latino struggle, but anyone of color's struggle where they are not highlighted correctly, cast correctly, or their stories aren't told. Sometimes the only way to grab your attention is being loud."

Co-director Maurizio Dominguez emphasizes that keeping the focus on these inflated egos was essential to ensuring the satire didn't undermine the reality of today's political climate.

"We wanted very much to keep the humor mostly on the characters, and more or less kind of like the two male characters in particular," Dominguez said.

"I think a lot of the humor comes from just the egos of the two male characters, and just kind of how absurd some of the things they want to do or say or try on stage are... as opposed to making fun about the issues. We're not making fun about the issues, but rather, what happens when the people who are trying to fight against or speak up for these issues don't involve people from the community they are trying to represent."

Anette Orellana, a recent BFA acting graduate from Wayne State University, plays Liliana. Orellana balances the play's wild satire with the reality of a young woman navigating her own identity and power. For Orellana, the stage is a vehicle to demand true nuance from the audience.

"I want everyone to see that we are not a monolith," Orellana emphasizes.

"I want people to see our humanity, that we are human, and that we're not this image that people paint us out to be. For Liliana, I want people like me, who aren't American, but also have roots somewhere else, I want them to see themselves in her, know you can be both and that you don't have to choose and it's okay."

By centering a Mexican-American woman who must actively fight to find her voice, both as an American progressive and a Mexican elitist, the play strikes a deep chord. It reminds us that our stories belong to us, and true solidarity cannot happen when one party treats the other as a political prop.

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18 de mayo del 2026

Estimada comunidad de Aztec Eagles,

Durante las últimas semanas, nuestro distrito escolar se ha comprometido a un proceso importante y reflexivo con respecto al futuro nombre de nuestra comunidad escolar. En nombre de la administración de la CCA y The Leona Group, quiero agradecer sinceramente a nuestros estudiantes, personal, familias, y miembros de la comunidad que se tomaron el tiempo para participar en el reciente proceso de votación y compartir sus opiniones.

Los comentarios que recibimos reflejan un profundo sentimiento de orgullo, tradición, identidad y esperanza en el futuro de nuestras escuelas. Después de revisar cuidadosamente los resultados de las votaciones, el nombre que surgió con el mayor apoyo general fue **Aztec Eagle Academy**

Como Superintendente, quiero compartir que este nombre avanzara como la principal recomendación a medida que continúe el proceso oficial. Al mismo tiempo, quiero recalcar que el proceso formal de revisión, aprobación y transición aún está en curso y requerirá tiempo adicional antes de su implementación final.

El nombre Aztec Eagles Academy refleja el orgullo escolar, la unidad, la fortaleza, la tradición y las generaciones de estudiantes y familias que han ayudado a dar forma a nuestra identidad durante los últimos 29 años.

Si bien el nombre de una escuela es importante, lo que más importa es el trabajo continuo que se realiza dentro de nuestras aulas cada día: educar a los niños, infundir esperanza, abrir puertas de oportunidad y mejorar las posibilidades de vida de cada estudiante al que servimos.

Se seguirán compartiendo actualizaciones adicionales con nuestra comunidad a medida que avance el proceso.

Gracias nuevamente por su compromiso.

Con respeto,

Dr. Juan Jose Martinez
Superintendente

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May 18, 2026

Dear Aztec Eagles Community,

Over the past several weeks, our school district has engaged in an important and thoughtful process regarding the future name of our school community. On behalf of the CCA administration and The Leona Group, I want to sincerely thank our students, staff, families, and community stakeholders who took time to participate in the recent polling process and to share their voices.

The feedback we received reflects a deep sense of pride, tradition, identity, and hope for the future of our schools. After carefully reviewing the polling results, the name that emerged with the strongest overall support was **Aztec Eagles Academy**.

As Superintendent, I want to share that this name will move forward as the leading recommendation as the official process continues. At the same time, I want to emphasize that the formal review, approval, and transition process is still ongoing and will take additional time before any final implementation occurs.

The name Aztec Eagles Academy reflects school pride, unity, strength, tradition, and the generations of students and families who have helped shape our identity over the past 29 years.

While a school name is important, what matters most is the continued work happening inside our classrooms each day: educating children, instilling hope, opening doors of opportunity, and improving life chances for every student we serve.

Additional updates will continue to be shared with our community as the process moves forward.

Thank you again for your engagement.

With respect,

Dr. Juan José Martínez
Superintendent

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## AT&T, Human-I-T Team Up with SER Metro-Detroit and Mayor Mary Sheffield

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to be online in 2021 by a wide margin. Age was found to be a greater predictor of access than race, socioeconomic group, education level, or geographic location. In the United States, 25 percent of adults over 65 reported not using the internet at all in a 2021 study. Only 65% of this age group reported having broadband at home, and their smartphone use (61%) was lower than any other demographic.

The recent event at SER Metro-Detroit was part of AT&T's initiative to help address the digital divide through internet accessibility, affordability and safe adoption. AT&T is committing $5 billion to help 25 million people get and stay connected to high-speed internet by 2030.

*Editor's Note: Eva Garza Dewaelsche is the owner and publisher of EL CENTRAL Hispanic News, however, the media outlet had no role in the laptop giveaway.*

*Mayor Sheffield, SER's Eva Garza Dewaelsche & AT&T's David Lewis - Detroit device distribution*

# ICE Prisons in Michigan Continue to Fuel Statewide Opposition

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when you have a strong case. You ask for a delay when you are losing," she said. "They can move the date on a docket. They cannot move this community. We are still here."

"The lawsuit is still alive. The camp is still illegal. And we are not going anywhere," Simmons added.

Filed on March 24, this lawsuit challenges the DHS plan to convert a 261,450-square-foot warehouse located at 7525 Cogswell Street, near Detroit Metropolitan Airport, into a 500-bed capacity ICE detention center. The lawsuit argues that DHS and ICE violated federal procedures by moving forward with the conversion of a warehouse in Romulus into a detention center without sufficient environmental review or coordination with state and local authorities.

It also claims the site is unsuitable for detainees because it is near schools and residential areas, sits in a flood-prone zone, and lacks adequate infrastructure and basic services.

"This lawsuit makes clear the urgent need to prevent the expansion into Romulus of an inherently racist, cruel, and deadly system that is already tearing families apart and putting lives at risk in Michigan every day," said Ale Rojas with No Detention Centers in Michigan. "In the last month, we have seen hundreds of people held at the GEO Group's North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin participate in a hunger strike that spanned multiple units."

Protesters, led by the Coalition to Close the Camps and other advocacy groups, also marched through downtown Detroit, where they urged state authorities, including Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and other elected officials to deny the permits, water service, sewer connections, and infrastructure approvals required by the facility.

On Sunday afternoon, just as they had for several weeks, another dozen protesters gathered outside the ICE North Lake processing center in Baldwin, MI carrying horns, rattles, snare drums, megaphones, and trumpets. Some masked, some not. Tangled metal fences separated them from the walls with narrow windows that held inside those detainees for whom they had been demanding, for weeks and months, proper medical care, better living conditions, and transparency on their immigration cases.

Both demonstrations are preceded by a public letter sent by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (ACLU of Michigan) and the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) to ICE, in which they denounce in detail "dangerous medical conditions and limited access to legal counsel for people detained" at the 1,800-bed capacity Baldwin Processing Center, where several detentions have extended for more than six months, and many cases have been denied for release on bond; bonds that exceed thousands of dollars.

Employing pseudonyms to protect detainees from potential reprisals for sharing their cases, the letter not only cites immigrant detainees reporting health issues, such as high blood pressure, physical weakness, or mental health conditions like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, but also denounces the lack of medical attention provided for these ailments, the guards' insensitivity in providing care, and medical negligence, citing one case in which a female inmate requiring mammograms received nothing but ibuprofen.

A woman identified as Heydi C. spoke about her young son, detained in North Lake, from whom she has heard nothing since the end of November. Through a GPS tracker, she knows he is still alive and where he is; ICE gives her no further information about him except when he is transferred. Her son has been held in more than three different ICE detention centers in Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. Heydi C., with the help of an interpreter, described this situation as indescribable torture.

"I begged for information about his mental health," Heydi said. "I told them that he was doing very poorly, that he needed medical attention, and that his condition was not normal. But many times, no one would give me any kind of response. They would hang up on me, or they would say, 'Ma'am, just have patience. They're going to call you.' But that call never came."

Many detainees have experienced serious failures in receiving adequate medical care, causing severe health consequences for our clients and worry for their loved ones, said Ruby Robinson, Senior Managing Attorney at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, who also represents Heydi's son and many other Baldwin detainees.

"Additionally, attorneys encounter arbitrary barriers, legal calls are restricted, and some clients are not receiving information about their hearings," Robinson said. "It is critical that our local ICE field office exercise its authority to review and address these concerns and implement the necessary changes to protect health and legal access."

Robinson also told reporters that Heydi's son has gone mute. The mother accuses that the transfer of her son from one prison to another, chained hand and foot, damaged his mental health to the point of deteriorating it. According to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, Heydi's son is in a medical facility to receive additional care.

"[My son is] a very vulnerable young man who was confused and in a very profound emotional crisis; [they are] treating him as if he were not a human being," she said. "But this system has dehumanized him, humiliated him, and taken him away from his mother and family, who miss him so much. My son is not a criminal," she added.

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# Prisiones de ICE en Michigan continúan alimentando la oposición en todo el estado

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Melody Simmons, de la Coalition to Shut the Camps, señaló que el DHS está retrasando la audiencia. "Uno no pide un retraso cuando tiene un caso sólido. Pides un retraso cuando estás perdiendo", afirmó. "Ellos pueden cambiar la fecha en la agenda de la corte. Pero no pueden mover a esta comunidad. Aquí seguimos".

"La demanda sigue viva. El campamento sigue siendo ilegal. Y no nos vamos a ir a ninguna parte", añadió Simmons.

Presentada el 24 de marzo, esta demanda cuestiona el plan del DHS de convertir un almacén de 261,450 pies cuadrados ubicado en el 7525 de la calle Cogswell Street, cerca del Detroit Metropolitan Airport, en un centro de detención de ICE con capacidad para 500 camas. La demanda argumenta que el DHS e ICE violaron los procedimientos federales al avanzar con la conversión del almacén en Romulus sin una revisión ambiental suficiente ni coordinación con las autoridades estatales y locales.

También afirma que el lugar no es apto para los detenidos porque está cerca de escuelas y zonas residenciales, se encuentra en una zona propensa a inundaciones y carece de la infraestructura adecuada y de los servicios básicos.

"Esta demanda deja clara la urgente necesidad de evitar la expansión hacia Romulus de un sistema inherentemente racista, cruel y mortal que ya está separando a familias y poniendo vidas en riesgo en Michigan todos los días", dijo Ale Rojas, de No Detention Centers in Michigan. "En el último mes, hemos visto a cientos de personas retenidas en el North Lake Processing Center de GEO Group, en Baldwin, participar en una huelga de hambre que se extendió por múltiples unidades".

Los manifestantes, encabezados por la Coalition to Close the Camps y otros grupos defensores, también marcharon por el centro de Detroit, donde instaron a las autoridades estatales, incluida la Gobernadora Gretchen Whitmer, y a otros funcionarios electos a negar los permisos, el servicio de agua, las conexiones de alcantarillado y las aprobaciones de infraestructura que requiere la instalación.

El domingo por la tarde, tal como lo habían hecho durante varias semanas, otra docena de manifestantes se reunió a las afueras del centro de procesamiento de ICE North Lake en Baldwin, MI, cargando cornetas, sonajas, tarolas, megáfonos y trompetas. Algunos con mascarillas, otros no. Vallas de metal entrelazadas los separaban de las paredes con ventanas estrechas que albergaban en su interior a aquellos detenidos para quienes habían estado exigiendo, durante semanas y meses, atención médica adecuada, mejores condiciones de vida y transparencia en sus casos de inmigración.

Ambas manifestaciones son precedidas por una carta pública enviada por la American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (ACLU of Michigan) y el Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) a ICE, en la que denuncian en detalle las "peligrosas condiciones médicas y el acceso limitado a asesoría legal para las personas detenidas" en el Baldwin Processing Center, que cuenta con una capacidad de 1,800 camas, donde varias detenciones se han prolongado por más de seis meses y a muchos casos se les ha negado la libertad bajo fianza; fianzas que superan los miles de dólares.

Utilizando seudónimos para proteger a los detenidos de posibles represalias por compartir sus casos, la carta no solo cita a inmigrantes detenidos que reportan problemas de salud como presión alta, debilidad física o condiciones de salud mental como esquizofrenia y trastorno bipolar, sino que también denuncia la falta de atención médica para estos padecimientos, la insensibilidad de los guardias al brindar cuidados y la negligencia médica, citando el caso de una interna que requería mamografías y no recibió más que ibuprofeno.

Una mujer identificada como Heydi C. habló sobre su hijo joven, detenido en North Lake, de quien no sabe nada desde finales de noviembre. A través de un rastreador GPS, sabe que sigue vivo y dónde está; ICE no le da más información sobre él, excepto cuando es trasladado. Su hijo ha estado recluido en más de tres centros de detención de ICE diferentes en Florida, Texas y Louisiana. Heydi C., con la ayuda de un intérprete, describió esta situación como una tortura indescriptible.

"Supliqué por información sobre su salud mental", dijo Heydi. "Les dije que estaba muy mal, que necesitaba atención médica y que su condición no era normal. Pero muchas veces, nadie me daba ningún tipo de respuesta. Me colgaban o me decían: -Señora, solo tenga paciencia. Le van a llamar-. Pero esa llamada nunca llegó".

Muchos detenidos han experimentado graves fallas al recibir atención médica adecuada, lo que ha provocado severas consecuencias de salud para nuestros clientes y una gran preocupación para sus seres queridos, señaló Ruby Robinson, abogada administradora principal del Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, quien también representa al hijo de Heydi y a muchos otros detenidos en Baldwin.

"Además, los abogados se enfrentan a barreras arbitrarias, las llamadas legales están restringidas y algunos clientes no reciben información sobre sus audiencias", dijo Robinson. "Es fundamental que nuestra oficina local de campo de ICE ejerza su autoridad para revisar y abordar estas preocupaciones e implementar los cambios necesarios para proteger la salud y el acceso legal".

Robinson también dijo a los reporteros que el hijo de Heydi se ha quedado mudo. La madre acusa que el traslado de su hijo de una prisión a otra, encadenado de pies y manos, dañó su salud mental hasta el punto de deteriorarla. Según ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, el hijo de Heydi se encuentra en una instalación médica para recibir cuidados adicionales.

"Mi hijo es un joven muy vulnerable que estaba confundido y en una crisis emocional muy profunda; lo están tratando como si no fuera un ser humano", expresó. "Pero este sistema lo ha deshumanizado, lo ha humillado y lo ha alejado de su madre y de su familia, que lo extrañamos tanto. Mi hijo no es un criminal", añadió.

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# Detroit Rep's Season Finale

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Ultimately, Liliana's dual identity becomes her greatest strength.

Detroit Rep's Executive Artistic Director Leah Smith, who is co-directing the production alongside Maurizio Dominguez, knew the theater needed this piece.

"This play is fall-on-the-floor, spit-take funny," Smith shares.

"The marrying of the two, comedy that makes you pee your pants and political discourse, is so on point right now."

Heller and Lomnitz hope the laughter gives the audience a bit of fighting spirit.

"Humor is the best way to really approach almost any subject matter... It can get through to the audience," Lomnitz says.

"I know a play's not gonna change the administration, but maybe it will say some things to people... and they go, 'Okay, my mind's changed a little bit,'" Heller says.

The world premiere celebration kicks off on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 8:00 PM with the Rep's legendary Opening Night Champagne Afterglow. The production runs through June 28, 2026, with performances on Fridays at 8:00 PM, Saturdays at 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM, and Sundays at 2:00 PM.

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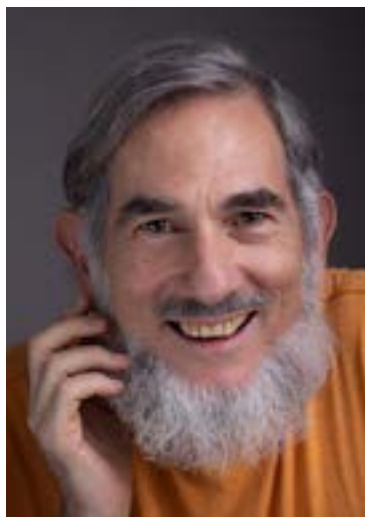

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# Líderes católicos de Michigan y Ohio dialogan sobre apoyo a comunidades inmigrantes

Por Daniel Meloy • Reimpreso con autorización de Detroit Catholic • La traducción por EL CENTRAL • Fotos por Valaurian Waller, Detroit Catholic

Más de 200 personas se reunieron el 6 de mayo en Sacred Heart Major Seminary en Detroit para hablar sobre el testimonio profético de la Iglesia en medio de los debates sobre inmigración y el impacto que las políticas federales actuales han tenido en las comunidades inmigrantes durante los últimos dos años.

Sacerdotes, obispos, líderes parroquiales y defensores de los derechos de los inmigrantes de 10 diócesis participaron en "Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities", un esfuerzo conjunto entre la Archdiocese of Detroit, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, Hope Border Institute en El Paso, Texas, y Center for Migration Studies of New York. El objetivo fue dialogar sobre lo que la Iglesia puede hacer a nivel parroquial y diocesano para acompañar a las comunidades inmigrantes ante la expansión de las iniciativas de control migratorio durante la segunda administración del presidente Donald Trump.

"El objetivo hoy es salir de aquí motivados para dar los siguientes pasos como diócesis, parroquias, congregaciones religiosas o grupos de organizaciones católicas, porque algunos de ustedes ya podrían estar haciendo muchas cosas muy bien", dijo el padre David Buersmeyer, sacerdote de la Archdiocese of Detroit y capellán de Strangers No Longer, un grupo católico de defensa de los derechos de inmigrantes dirigido por laicos y con sede en Detroit.

A la conferencia asistieron miembros del clero y líderes laicos de la Archdiocese of Detroit y de las diócesis de Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing y Saginaw en Michigan, así como de las diócesis de Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo y Youngstown en Ohio.

## El modelo del Evangelio

El arzobispo de Detroit, Edward J. Weisenburger, recordó sus experiencias cuando fue obispo de Tucson, Arizona, donde Catholic Charities y Kino Border Institute atendían hasta a 1,400 personas al día enviadas por U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"El panorama político actual es sumamente doloroso", dijo el arzobispo Weisenburger. "El Evangelio quizá es más profético que nunca. Sigamos siendo proféticos sin perder nuestra alma, con amor y esperanza".

## Preservar la dignidad humana

"Antes que nada, quiero decir que la enseñanza católica reconoce que las naciones soberanas tienen derecho a controlar sus fronteras, pero no es un derecho absoluto", dijo Kevin Appleby, investigador principal de políticas y comunicaciones del Center for Migration Studies. "Debe estar guiado por la protección de los derechos humanos y la dignidad humana. Y actualmente estamos viendo que los derechos humanos y la dignidad humana están siendo violados".

*El arzobispo Edward J. Weisenburger habla sobre sus experiencias cuando fue obispo de Tucson, Arizona, donde Kino Border Initiative atendía hasta a 1,400 personas al día.*

"En noviembre del año pasado, los obispos de Estados Unidos alzaron la voz y por primera vez dijeron: 'Nos oponemos a la deportación masiva indiscriminada de personas'", agregó Appleby. "Fue un paso muy importante por parte de los obispos".

Appleby citó estudios que muestran que solo el 2% de los inmigrantes deportados eran miembros de pandillas y solo el 0.5% eran terroristas, mientras que más del 50% no tenía antecedentes penales, contrario a la retórica política utilizada para justificar las políticas de deportación masiva.

"Las familias, por supuesto, no deben separarse", añadió Appleby. "La junta de obispos también señaló que el debido proceso debe mantenerse dentro del sistema, especialmente para quienes buscan protección contra la persecución".

## El costo personal de la deportación

Jazmin Rubio, gerente de programas familiares del programa La Casa Amiga de Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan en Pontiac, habló sobre la historia migratoria de su padre.

"He trabajado con una mamá que llegó a mi oficina buscando ayuda. Lleva 12 años aquí con tres hijos y un día su esposo fue deportado", contó Rubio. "No tiene antecedentes penales, ni siquiera una multa por exceso de velocidad, y ahora ya no está aquí. Ella está tratando de encontrar dónde vivir con sus tres hijos porque ahora están viviendo en el sótano de un amigo".

Monica Tay Belej, directora de La Casa Amiga Legal Clinic, subrayó la importancia de hablar con claridad sobre los hechos relacionados con la inmigración.

Belej explicó que, en promedio, los inmigrantes —tanto documentados como indocumentados— cometen menos delitos que la población nacida en Estados Unidos.

"La mayoría de nuestros clientes vienen de lo que llamamos una 'familia de estatus mixto', lo que significa que dentro de un mismo hogar puede haber un padre indocumentado o uno que actualmente enfrenta un proceso de deportación", explicó Belej.

"Sabemos por nuestras propias experiencias que cuando un integrante de nuestra familia está enfermo o sufriendo, eso nos afecta a todos", continuó Belej. "Piensen en un niño que nació aquí en Estados Unidos de padres indocumentados. Un día tiene la edad suficiente para entender que el futuro de sus padres en este país es incierto, que podrían ser deportados. Imaginen lo insegura que ahora puede sentirse su comunidad".

Daris Bartolon, solicitante de asilo originaria de Guatemala, compartió su historia como sobreviviente de violencia doméstica. Explicó que huyó de su país porque la corrupción política impedía que la policía la protegiera de su agresor.

"Pasar por este proceso es vivir con miedo porque, aunque tengo mucho cuidado de no romper ninguna de las reglas que nos imponen las autoridades migratorias", dijo Bartolon a través de un traductor, "me preocupa que aun así puedan detenernos cuando llevo a mi hijo a la escuela".

Después de que inicialmente le negaron el asilo cuando no tenía representación legal, Bartolon contactó a Strangers No Longer para recibir orientación sobre las opciones para apelar la decisión inicial del juez.

Después de la conferencia, debía presentarse ante la corte con planes de viaje para salir del país, pero el juez aplazó el proceso hasta el 1 de junio para escuchar una apelación. Además, indicó que el testimonio de miembros de la comunidad ayudaría a fortalecer su caso.

"Strangers No Longer me ha apoyado muchísimo de diferentes maneras", dijo Bartolon. "Estoy agradecida de estar con el Circle of Support de Strangers No Longer, especialmente con las otras mujeres inmigrantes de la comunidad que están ayudándome a mí y a mi familia a salir adelante durante este momento".

## Defender los derechos de los inmigrantes

Meghan Kennedy Riordan, abogada de Kitch Law Firm en Detroit, ofreció una presentación sobre los derechos que tienen las personas cuando interactúan con agentes de Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) y el Department of Homeland Security.

Riordan explicó que los agentes de ICE necesitan órdenes firmadas por jueces estatales o federales —no por jueces de inmigración— y deben portar identificaciones que los acrediten como agentes federales.

"El conocimiento es poder, y necesitamos decir la verdad", dijo Riordan. "Tenemos que alzar la voz y romper estos mitos sobre inmigración. Entrar ilegalmente a Estados Unidos no es un delito grave; es una falta menor. Estar en Estados Unidos sin autorización es comparable a una multa por exceso de velocidad".

"Necesitan salir y educar a sus congregaciones", añadió Riordan. "Deben empezar a colocar letreros que digan 'privado'. Una orden de deportación o una orden administrativa no es suficiente para entrar a áreas privadas o restringidas. Personas como secretarias o empleados no están obligadas a responder preguntas de agentes de ICE y pueden pedir ver una orden antes de permitir el acceso a espacios privados".

## El camino por delante

Todd Scriber, coordinador de alcance educativo de la Office of Migration Policy and Public Affairs de la United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, participó en un panel sobre la respuesta católica a la situación actual de inmigración.

"El centro de gravedad del debate y del tema migratorio ha cambiado", dijo Scriber.

Scriber explicó que la USCCB anteriormente contaba con alrededor de 180 empleados dedicados a temas migratorios, pero debido a la falta de fondos por los recortes realizados a través del Department of Government Efficiency del poder ejecutivo federal, ese número se redujo a seis.

Scriber y otros señalaron el mensaje de los obispos sobre inmigración en noviembre de 2025 como una señal de la importancia que tiene el tema migratorio.

"Algunos críticos siempre regresarán al argumento de: 'Es ilegal que estén aquí'", dijo el padre Buersmeyer. "Pero, francamente, no tienen todos los hechos. Nuestra Constitución es muy clara y aplica a todos los que viven aquí, tengan documentos o no: ustedes tienen derecho al debido proceso garantizado por la Constitución. No podemos violar esos derechos, y la Iglesia alza la voz cuando eso sucede".

*Participantes de la conferencia "Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities" en Sacred Heart Major Seminary oran por Daris Bartolon y su hija, Maddeline. Daris y su hija huyeron de Guatemala para escapar de su agresor de violencia doméstica. Tiene una audiencia en la corte el 1 de junio para presentar su solicitud de asilo.*

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# Catholic Leaders in Michigan, Ohio Gather to Discuss Ways to Better Support Immigrant Communities

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More than 200 people gathered May 6 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit to discuss the Church's prophetic witness regarding the debates surrounding immigration and the impact current federal policy has had on immigrant communities over the past two years.

Priests, bishops, parish leaders and immigration rights advocates from 10 dioceses participated in "Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities," a collaborative effort between the Archdiocese of Detroit, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, the Hope Border Institute in El Paso, Texas, and the Center for Migration Studies of New York, to discuss what the Church can do at the parish and diocesan levels to accompany immigrant communities amidst the expansion of immigration enforcement initiatives taking place during President Donald Trump's second administration.

"The goal here today is to get us energized to take the next steps as dioceses, parishes, religious congregations or as groups of Catholic organizations, because some of you might be doing pretty well in a lot of things," said Fr. David Buersmeyer, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit and chaplain for Strangers No Longer, a Detroit-based, lay-led Catholic immigration rights advocacy group.

The conference was attended by clergy and lay leaders from the Archdiocese of Detroit and the dioceses of Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Saginaw in Michigan, as well as the dioceses of Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Youngstown in Ohio.

## The Gospel paradigm

Detroit Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger recalled his experiences as the bishop of Tucson, Arizona, where Catholic Charities and the Kino Border Institute were processing up to 1,400 people a day sent to them by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"The political paradigm at the moment is a most painful one," Archbishop Weisenburger said. "The Gospel is perhaps more prophetic than ever before. Let us continue to be prophetic without losing our souls, with love and hope."

## Preserving human dignity

"First of all, let me say that Catholic teaching says that sovereign nations do have a right to control their borders, but it's not an absolute right," said Kevin Appleby, senior fellow for policy and communications for the Center for Migration Studies. "It must be governed by the preservation of human rights and human dignity. And we see currently that human rights and human dignity are being violated."

"In November of last year, the U.S. bishops stood up, and for the first time said, 'We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people,'" Appleby said. "That was a big step by the bishops."

Appleby cited studies showing that only 2% of immigrants deported were gang members and only 0.5% were terrorists, while more than 50% had no criminal record, contrary to the political rhetoric used to justify mass deportation policies.

"Families, of course, should not be separated," Appleby added. The board of bishops also said that due process should be preserved in the system, particularly for those who are seeking protection from persecution."

*Fr. David Buersmeyer, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit and chaplain for Strangers No Longer, a Detroit-based, lay-led Catholic immigration rights advocacy group, speaks during the third "Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities" conference, held May 6 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Previous conferences were held in Phoenix, Arizona, and Providence, Rhode Island, in recent months.*

## The personal costs of deportation

Jazmin Rubio, family programs manager for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's La Casa Amiga program in Pontiac, spoke about her father's immigration story.

"I've worked with a mom who came to my office looking for assistance. She's been here for 12 years with three children, and then one day, her husband was removed," Rubio said. "He has no criminal record, not even a speeding ticket, and now he's gone. She is trying to figure out where to live with her three children, because they are now in a friend's basement."

Monica Tay Belej, director of the La Casa Amiga Legal Clinic, stressed the importance of speaking with clarity about the facts of immigration.

Belej said on average, immigrants ─ both documented and undocumented ─ commit fewer crimes than the native-born population.

"Most of our clients come from what we call a 'mixed-status family,' meaning that within one household you could have one undocumented parent or one parent who's currently going through removal proceedings," Belej explained.

"We know from our own experiences that if one of our family members is sick or suffering, it affects us all," Belej continued. "Consider a child who was born here in the U.S. to undocumented parents. One day they're old enough to understand their parents' future in this country is insecure, that their parents could be deported. Imagine how unsafe their community now feels."

Daris Bartolon, an asylum-seeker from Guatemala, shared her story of being a victim of domestic assault who fled her home country because political corruption prevented the police from protecting her from her abuser.

*Daris Bartolon shares her story of how she and her daughter fled Guatemala through Mexico and pleaded for asylum. People who are a part of Strangers No Longer's Circles of Support have been helping her with legal proceedings.*

"Going through this process is living in fear because while I take care not to break any of the rules immigration authorities put on us," Bartolon said through a translator, "I worry they still might detain us when I'm taking my child to school."

After being initially denied asylum without a lawyer, Bartolon contacted Strangers No Longer for legal advice on her options to appeal the judge's initial decision.

She was supposed to present herself at court with travel plans to leave the country after the conference, but the judge postponed the procedure until June 1 to hear an appeal. The judge added that personal testimony from community members would help her case.

"Strangers No Longer has been so supportive in a variety of ways," Bartolon said. "I'm grateful to be with Strangers No Longer's Circle of Support, especially the other immigrant women in the community who are helping my family and me through this time."

## Upholding immigrant rights

Meghan Kennedy Riordan, an attorney with the Kitch Law Firm in Detroit, gave a presentation about the rights people have when interacting with personnel from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security.

Riordan said ICE officers need signed warrants from state or federal judges—not an immigration judge—and need to wear credentials identifying them as federal officers.

"Knowledge is power, and we need to speak the truth," Riordan said. "We must speak up and break down these immigration myths. It is not a crime to enter the United States illegally; it's a misdemeanor. Being in the United States unauthorized is akin to a speeding ticket."

"You need to go out and educate your congregation," Riordan said. "You need to start putting up signs that say 'private.' A deportation order or administrative warrant is not sufficient for them to enter private or non-public areas. Individuals such as secretaries or personnel are not required to answer questions from ICE agents and can ask to see a warrant before allowing entry into private spaces."

## The path ahead

Todd Scriber, education outreach coordinator for the Office of Migration Policy and Public Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke on a panel about the Catholic response to the current situation regarding immigration.

"The center of gravity in the immigration debate and the immigration issue has shifted," Scriber said.

Scriber said the USCCB used to have a staff of around 180 to work migration issues, but because of a lack of funding due to cuts through the federal executive branch's Department of Government Efficiency, that number is now six.

Scriber and others pointed to the bishops' November 2025 message on immigration as an indicator of the importance of migration issues.

"Some (critics) will always fall back on, 'It's illegal that they're here,'" Fr. Buersmeyer said. "But quite frankly, they don't have the facts. Our Constitution is very clear, and it applies to everyone living here, documented or not: You have due process rights that are provided to you by the Constitution. We can't violate those, and the Church speaks up when those are being violated."

*Editor's Note: This article has been trimmed for length and reprinting in EL CENTRAL. For the complete article, visit www.detroitcatholic.com*

*Karen Seefelt of Christ the King Parish in Detroit explains how Strangers No Longer has accompanied immigrants to court dates and through legal proceedings.*

# Detroit Tigers Update

EL CENTRAL HISPANIC NEWS SPORTS

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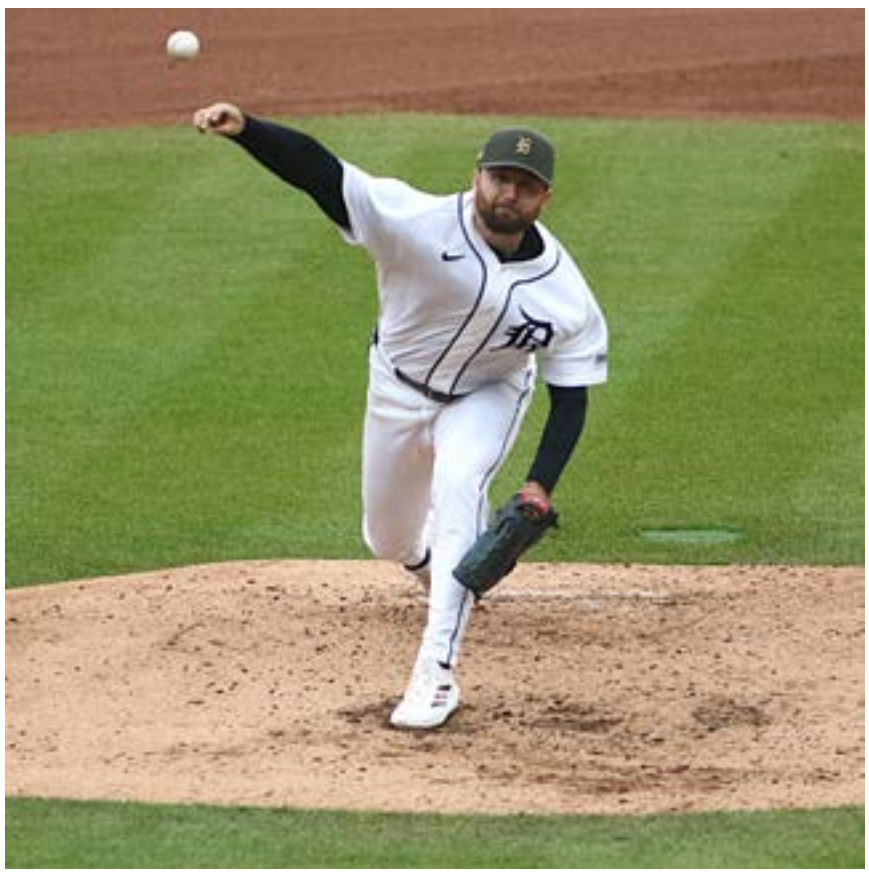
Tiger's Starting Pitching improves, but 4 straight series have been lost.

Casey Mize made his return to Comerica's pitching mound on Saturday, May 16th. His performance was superb, throwing 71 pitches over six innings and giving up no walks, 2 hits, and no runs. But it was to no avail. The Tigers lost Saturday's game 2 to 1 in the 10th. While having Mize back looks good, there is some bad news. Of the 4 starting pitchers currently on the roster with Mize back, Perez seems to have an anger management problem that got him a 5 game suspension on May 5th. Montero is doing very well, and his season could be considered a breakout. Flaherty is 0-5 with a 5.77 ERA through 10 starts. He has issued 29 walks in just 43.2 innings. Then there is Justin Verlander with a left hip inflammation. Verlander got a very nice contract and is the oldest player in the league. He may return in early June and give the fans a reason to buy tickets. No doubt the front office will be glad to see the attendance he will bring. Tarik Skubal is on the 60-day injured list and probably will not return until July.

Photos below are highlights from the Detroit Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays



*Casey Mize pitches 4 innings. Photo by Mike Alberts/ EL CENTRAL*

*Jack Flaherty (#9) finished the day with 6.0 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 4 K, 1 HR, with an ERA of 5.77*

*Spencer Torkelson (#20) makes the catch as Davis Schneider (#36) slides safe back into first*

*Zach McKinstry (#39) finishes the day at bat with 4 AB, 0 R, 1 H, 0 RBI, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 K, with a batting average of .182*

*Kevin McGonigle (#7) fields a grounder at short stop to make a play to first*

*Gage Workman (#99) finished the day at bat with 4 AB, 0 R, 1 H, 0 RBI, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 K, with a batting average of .227*

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Patcando la No. 5
SPORTS

# Yamazaki Stunner Ends DCFC Road Woes

David Levine
EL CENTRAL

A drab affair in Madison, Wisconsin only came to life late on when a thunderbolt from Haruki Yamazaki ended a year long winless run on the road for Detroit City. It may have only been a Prinx Tires USL Cup game against a League One team, but Detroit City needed a road win of any kind. That the goal came from an unlikely source mattered little.

Home cooking has been good to Le Rouge in 2026. They have four wins in four tries in the USL Championship, only conceding one goal so far. However, away from the friendly atmosphere at Keyworth Stadium, they have struggled mightily for a long time. This narrow win keep them in contention for the USL Cup, a tournament that includes all the teams in the two professionals leagues of the USL.

Last year, DCFC also played a USL League One team on the road during the Cup. That was a disastrous blowout loss in Portland, Maine to the Hearts of Pine. Coach Danny Dichio rotated the team, giving minutes to players who hadn't featured much. This time, he didn't take any chances, starting a first choice team with a full week to prepare. Forward Ben Morris played the first forty-five minutes in what was certainly a plan to step up his return to full match fitness. He didn't affect the match much, but neither did any other DCFC players.

The game looked to be heading for a frustrating 0-0 draw when Yamazaki stepped up. He has been a stalwart at right back in the absence of Michael Bryant, but was asked to move into midfield during the second half in Wisconsin. This suits his attacking instincts much better. Yamazaki has been a dogged defender, full of energy, and never shying away from physical play. As a result, he has been frequently floored by hard fouls, but never complains. That is to say he earned his moment.

The Forward Madison defense stood back as he approached their penalty area, inexplicably watching without reacting. Once he was within about twenty years, Yamazaki let fly with a sliced shot off the outside of his right foot that flew into the upper corner to the goalkeeper's left. All that was left for DCFC was to see out the final few minutes.

Winning the opening game in the Prinx Tires USL Cup will keep DCFC's interest in the competition. The USL teams are divided into seven groups with only the group winners and one wild card advancing to the quarterfinals. It's important to win every game and understand that scoring goals, a struggle at times for DCFC, is an important tie-breaker. There will be three more group games later in the summer that will determine how DCFC finishes.

Back to back league games this week will now that the teams' attention. Miami FC comes to town on Wednesday night boasting two selections for Curacao's World Cup team: goalkeeper Eloy Room and forward Jurgen Locadia. There will be a quick turnaround as DCFC travels to Loudon, Virginia for a second Eastern Conference match in four days. Six points would come in handy. Miami is level with DCFC on 13 points and Loudon is three points ahead of them on 16. There are seven teams within four points chasing the table topping Tampa Bay Rowdies. Weeks like this with two games can boost or crush the hopes of DCFC and their followers.

# DCFC USL-W Womens Opens Season With 2-1 Victory Over AFC Ann Arbor

Story and photos by Adam J. Dewey, sports photographer for EL CENTRAL

Detroit City FC opens up the USL-W season with a 2-1 victory over AFC Ann Arbor at Hollway Field in Ann Arbor, MI on May 16, 2026.

The DCFC USL-W Women host Kalamazoo FC, this Saturday, May, 23rd at 7:00 pm, at Keyworth Stadium, then go on a two game road trip, taking on Union FC Macomb, on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm, then Midwest United FC, on Saturday, May 30th, at 6:00 pm, before returning home to Keyworth on June 3rd, hosting AFC Ann Arbor, at 7:30 pm.

For more information about Detroit City FC, visit detcityfc.com.com and follow @DetroitCityFC on Twitter and Facebook and @ detroitcityfootballclub on Instagram.

*Drew Martin (#3) powers through two AFC Ann Arbor defenders*

*Danielle Stephan (#7) fights off a tackle attempt by an AFC Ann Arbor defender*

*Drew Martin (#3) scores a goal in the 32nd minute to give Detroit City FC a 2-0 advantage*

*Conamora Ndana (#4) takes a foul on a tackle attemot by AFC Ann Arbor*

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An article by Ozzie Rivera ion our May 14, 2026 issue should have noted that the WSU Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies counts more than twenty-five hundred (2,500) alumni.

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# EDITORIAL OPINION

## Guest Opinion:

# Will international tourism in the U.S. recover with the 2026 World Cup?

By José López Zamorano/ LA RED HISPANA

With less than a month remaining until the start of the 2026 FIFA World Cup—held from June 11 to July 19 across the United States, Mexico, and Canada—the U.S. travel sector anticipates a rebound in international travel to the country, which had been in decline since the beginning of 2025.

A recent analysis by the U.S. Travel Association (USTA) reveals that spending on inbound international travel to the United States decreased by 2.4% in 2025, falling to $175 billion.

One contributing factor was a reduction in visits from Canada, which dropped 21% in volume amid a backdrop of tensions between the United States and Ottawa—particularly regarding trade tariff policies and the notion of annexing Canada as the 51st state.

However, travel from Western Europe and Asia—traditional strongholds of U.S. tourism—also saw a decline.

Western Europe (including Germany, France, and the Netherlands) and Asia (including China, South Korea, and India) recorded consecutive months of decline, particularly during the peak summer season of 2025.

"The pace of recovery for inbound international travel remains sensitive to current policies, global sentiment, and geopolitical stability," the USTA acknowledged.

Other factors impacting visits from abroad included the expansion of immigration bans.

In June 2025, an entry ban was implemented for travelers from 12 countries—a list that was subsequently expanded to include 39 nations.

Additionally, a new $250 "visa integrity fee" was introduced, raising the base cost of a tourist visa to $435.

The Association projects that—partly thanks to the 2026 FIFA World Cup—inbound visits will grow by 3.4% in 2026, reaching a total of 70.6 million, driven primarily by leisure travel. According to the same firm, international tourism spending in the United States is expected to recover by 1.6%, reaching $178 billion in 2026.

However, that figure remains 18% below 2019 levels (adjusted for inflation).

Growth is projected to accelerate in 2027 and beyond, though a return to 2019 levels (79 million visits) is not expected until 2029.

Undoubtedly, the lifeline for the U.S. tourism sector has been domestic leisure travel. Following 2.1% growth in

2025, domestic leisure travel spending continues to expand, rising 0.9% to reach $909 billion in 2026, with even faster growth anticipated in 2027 and subsequent years.

Growth in 2026 is expected to be dampened by rising inflation in travel costs as well as other goods and services.

Americans continue to prioritize travel, but spending is being driven by higher-income households.

Travelers are expected to opt for shorter, more budget-friendly trips—including regional and high-demand destinations—in response to rising prices.

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## Opinión de un Invitado:

# ¿Se recuperará el turismo internacional en EE.UU. con la Copa Mundial 2026?

Por José López Zamorano/ LA RED HISPANA

A menos de un mes del inicio de la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026, del 11 de junio al 19 de julio en Estados Unidos, México y Canadá, el sector de viajes estadounidense espera un repunte de los viajes internacionales a este país que cayeron desde el inicio de 2025.

Un reciente análisis de la Asociación de Viajes de Estados Unidos (USTA) muestra que el gasto en viajes internacionales receptivos a territorio estadounidense disminuyó un 2.4% en 2025, hasta alcanzar los 175,000 millones de dólares.

Uno de los factores que contribuyó fue la reducción en las visitas desde Canadá que cayeron 21% por volumen, en un contexto de tensiones entre Estados Unidos y Ottawa en especial por la política de aranceles comerciales y la idea de anexar a Canadá como el estado 51.

Pero los viajes desde Europa Occidental y Asia, tradicionales bastiones del turismo estadounidense también bajaron.

Europa Occidental (incluidos Alemania, Francia y los Países Bajos) y Asia (incluidos China, Corea del Sur e India) registraron meses consecutivos de descensos, especialmente durante la temporada alta del verano de 2025.

"El ritmo de recuperación de los viajes internacionales receptivos sigue siendo sensible a las políticas vigentes, el sentimiento global y la estabilidad geopolítica", reconoció la USTA.

Otros factores que afectaron las visitas desde otros países fue la ampliación de los vetos migratorios.

En junio de 2025 se implementó la prohibición de entrada a viajeros de 12 países, una lista que se amplió a 39 naciones.

Además se puso en marcha una nueva tarifa de integridad de visados de 250 dólares, lo que elevó el precio base de un visado de turista a 435 dólares.

La Asociación espera que, en parte gracias a la Copa del Mundo FIFA 2026, las visitas receptivas crezcan un 3.4 % hasta alcanzar los 70.6 millones en 2026, impulsadas por los viajes de esparcimiento.

De la misma firma, la expectativa es que el gasto del turismo internacional a Estados Unidos se recupere un 1.6% hasta los 178,000 millones de dólares en 2026.

No obstante esa cifra aún se sitúa un 18% por debajo de los niveles de 2019 (ajustados a la inflación).

Se proyecta que el crecimiento se acelere en 2027 y años posteriores, pero no se espera que se vuelva al nivel de 2019 (79 millones de visitas) hasta 2029.

Sin duda la tabla de salvación del sector turístico estadounidense han sido los viajes de ocio nacionales.

Tras un crecimiento del 2.1% en 2025, el gasto en viajes de ocio nacionales continúa expandiéndose, con un aumento del 0.9% hasta alcanzar los 909,000 millones de dólares en 2026 y un crecimiento más rápido en 2027 y años posteriores.

Se espera que el crecimiento en 2026 se vea afectado por el aumento de la inflación en los viajes y otros bienes y servicios.

Los estadounidenses siguen priorizando los viajes, pero el gasto está impulsado por los hogares de mayores ingresos.

Se prevé que los viajeros opten por viajes más cortos y económicos, incluyendo destinos regionales y de alta demanda, en respuesta al aumento de los precios.

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# SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

## El Salvador

## Consuelo Suncín Saint Exúpery

Consuelo Suncín Sandoval was born on April 10, 1901, in Armenia, in the Department of Sonsonate, El Salvador. She was the daughter of Colonel Félix Suncín and Ercilia Sandoval Zeceña. They had three daughters: Ana Dolores, Consuelo, and Amanda.

Consuelo studied in several countries abroad, first in San Francisco, California, then in Mexico City, in France, and finally in Argentina. After her first marriage in San Francisco in 1920 to the Mexican Ricardo Cárdenas, from whom she divorced in 1925, she traveled to Mexico to study journalism. There, she abandoned her studies after meeting José Vasconcelos, with whom she traveled to Paris in 1926 to begin a new romance in the French capital.

Upon arriving in Paris, she met Enrique Gómez Carrillo, a renowned Guatemalan writer and journalist in France, who at that time was Argentina's consul in Paris. She left Vasconcelos and married Gómez in December 1926. Gómez Carrillo was the great love of her life, despite being thirty years older than her. The marriage lasted only nine months, as he died on November 29, 1927, from a stroke. She decided to move to Buenos Aires to live on the pension left by her second husband.

In 1930, she was introduced to the French pilot Antoine de Saint Exupéry, whom she married on April 22, 1931.

Besides being a beautiful and petite woman who charmed men, Consuelo spoke with remarkable ease and confidence. Her conversations stood out for being fascinating and intellectually rich. It is no coincidence that she attracted so many intelligent and influential men.

Her personality was immortalized in passages of The Little Prince that allude to the Salvadoran legend of the stormy volcanic relationship lived by a couple and reflected in the landscape itself. Likewise, in the passage where the Little Prince discovers a field of roses during his visit to Earth, the story expresses doubts about the uniqueness of the other person, and therefore the need for marriage and fidelity. The field of roses serves as an analogy for infidelity, while the relationship between the Fox and the Little Prince acts as a counterargument to the nihilism of the era, since through the Fox, Saint Exupéry affirmed that meaning is given to people and things through emotional connection.

Consuelo faced many hardships because the French did not fully accept her. Even worse was the way the Saint Exupéry family treated her. The Rose in The Little Prince is the Little Prince's most treasured possession, representing Antoine himself, while the Rose was inspired by his wife Consuelo, though portrayed as a capricious flower. The planet where the Rose lives is surrounded by three volcanoes; that place is El Salvador.

In her book Mémoires de la rose (Memoirs of the Rose), Consuelo wrote about her life with Saint Exupéry. In the book, she revealed Antoine's whims and emotional instability, describing how, despite often appearing affectionate, he could also become deeply distant. Consuelo's book could not be published during her lifetime, even though Saint Exupéry had already died two years before she wrote it. The text was controversial, as it was her autobiography written in French in 1946, but published until 2000, 21 years after she passed away in Grasse, France, on May 28, 1979.

Roberto Ayón Ballesteros

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
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## Beach Sun - Costa del Sol

Costa del Sol is the longest beach in El Salvador, stretching nearly 15 kilometers. Located southeast of San Salvador, Costa del Sol offers the country's most diverse beach hotel infrastructure. This destination combines the beauty of the Jaltepeque Estuary with the beaches of San Marcelino, Los Blancos, and Costa del Sol, all of which provide an ideal setting to witness breathtaking sunsets.

The sand on these beaches has a lighter grayish tone than most Salvadoran beaches. Along these nearly 15 kilometers lies San Marcelino Beach, a bay of artisanal fishermen. This is where the Jiboa River flows into the sea. At sunset, visitors can witness fishermen returning with their daily catch of seafood.

To the east lies Costa del Sol Beach, where visitors can enjoy the warmth of the sun, the ocean breeze, and the refreshing shade of coconut palms while savoring a wide variety of seafood dishes.

Costa del Sol is home to a great diversity of mammals, reptiles, regional and migratory birds, as well as marine wildlife, making it an unmatched tourist attraction. In addition, the warmth and hospitality of its people will make every stay a magical experience that visitors will want to relive.

Likewise, the Jaltepeque Estuary, located between the departments of La Paz and San Vicente, is one of the most beautiful natural settings in El Salvador. It stretches approximately 28 kilometers and is one of the country's 125 protected areas, an ideal environment for observing flora and fauna. It possesses rich natural resources, a wide variety of coastal birds, and diverse mollusks that inhabit the roots of the mangroves.

# ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

## El Salvador

## Consuelo Suncín de Saint Exúpery

Consuelo Suncín Sandoval, nació un 10 de abril de 1901 en Armenia, del Departamento de Sonsonate, El Salvador. Hija del coronel Félix Suncín y Ercilia Sandoval Zeceña, tuvieron tres hijas: Ana Dolores, Consuelo y Amanda.

Consuelo estudió en varios países del extranjero, primero en San Francisco, California, luego en la Ciudad de México, en Francia y finalmente en Argentina. Después de su primer matrimonio en San Francisco (1920) con el mexicano Ricardo Cárdenas, de quién se divorció en 1925, viajó a México a estudiar periodismo, allí, abandonó sus estudios mientras conocía a José Vasconcelos con quién viajó a París en 1926 para iniciar un nuevo idilio en la capital francesa.

Al llegar a París conoció a Enrique Gómez Carrillo, escritor y periodista guatemalteco de renombre en Francia, y quién entonces era cónsul de Argentina en París. Abandonó a Vasconcelos y se casó con Gómez en diciembre de 1926. Gómez Carrillo fue su gran amor, a pesar de que tenía 30 años más que ella. El matrimonio duró solo nueve meses ya que él falleció el 29 de noviembre de 1927 a causa de un derrame cerebral. Ella decidió marcharse a Buenos Aires para vivir de la pensión de su segundo marido.

En 1930, le presentaron al piloto francés Antoine de Saint-Exúpery con quién se casó el 22 de abril de 1931.

Consuelo además de ser una mujer bonita y menuda que encantaba a los hombres, hablaba con soltura con ellos. Su charla se distinguía por ser muy interesante y de gran valor. No es una casualidad que interesó a tantos hombres inteligentes e importantes.

Su personalidad quedó inmortalizada en el pasaje del principito que hace alegoría a la leyenda salvadoreña, aquella de la volcánica relación tormentosa que vivió una pareja y que quedó reflejada en el paisaje. Asimismo, en el pasaje del Principito cuando éste descubre un campo de rosas en su visita a la Tierra, se plasman las dudas sobre la unicidad del otro, por tanto, la necesidad del matrimonio y la fidelidad, jugando un lugar el campo de rosas como analogía de sus infidelidades, así como la relación de domesticación del Zorro como una contraindicación respecto al nihilismo de la época, pues a través del Zorro, Saint-Exúpery confirmaba que el significado lo da uno al otro y a las cosas por su carácter emocional.

Consuelo tuvo muchas dificultades porque los franceses no la aceptaban. Y lo peor fue la manera como la trató la familia Saint-Exuperý. La Rosa, en el cuento "El Principito" de Saint-Exúpery, es el objeto más preciado del Principito (quien representaba al propio Antoine), y siendo la Rosa inspirada en su esposa Consuelo, mas descrita como una flor caprichosa. El planeta donde se encuentra la Rosa está rodeado por tres volcanes; este lugar es El Salvador.

En su libro, Mémoires de la rose (Memorias de la rosa), Consuelo escribió las memorias de su vida con Saint-Exupéry, en este libro ella expone los caprichos y la inestabilidad de Antoine, como a pesar de mostrarse afectuoso, de la misma manera se mostraba profundamente distante. El libro de Consuelo no pudo ser publicado en el curso de su vida, incluso pese a que Saint-Exupéry ya había fallecido dos años antes de que ella la escribiera. Pues el texto era controversial, era su autobiografía en francés escrita en al año de 1946 y publicada en el 2000 por su heredero universal, José Martínez-Fructuoso.

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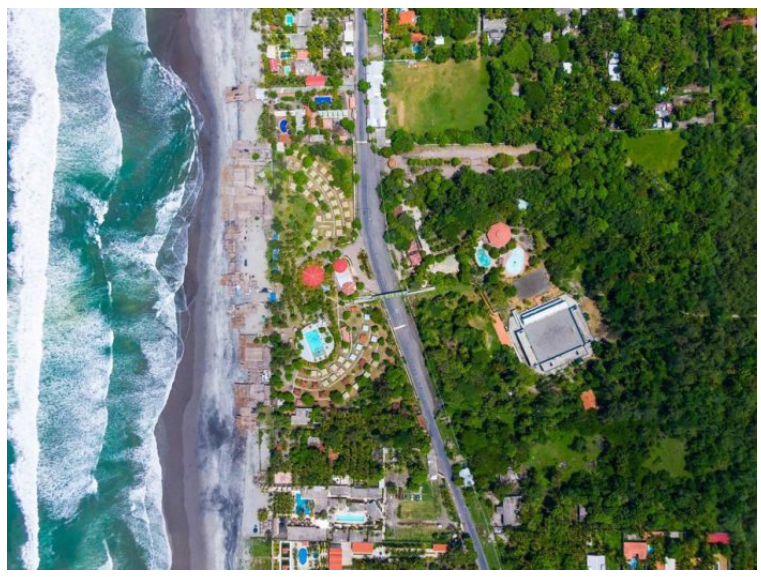
## Costa del Sol



La Costa del Sol es la playa más extensa de El Salvador, con cerca de 15 km de extensión. Ubicada al sureste de San Salvador, la Costa del Sol ofrece la más variada infraestructura hotelera de playa. Este paraje conjuga la belleza del Estero Jaltepeque y las playas San Marcelino, los Blancos y la Costa del Sol, que son un codiciado escenario para presenciar increíbles puestas de sol.

La arena de estas playas posee un matiz grisáceo más claro que la mayoría de playas salvadoreñas.

A lo largo de estos casi 15 kilómetros encontramos la Playa San Marcelino que es una bahía de pescadores artesanales. Es aquí donde desemboca el río Jiboa. Al atardecer puede presenciar el retorno de pescadores con su carga de frutos del mar.

Hacia el este está la Playa Costa del Sol. Aquí usted podrá disfrutar del calor del sol, la brisa marina y de la refrescante sombra de los cocoteros y a la vez deleitarse de los platos más variados de mariscos.

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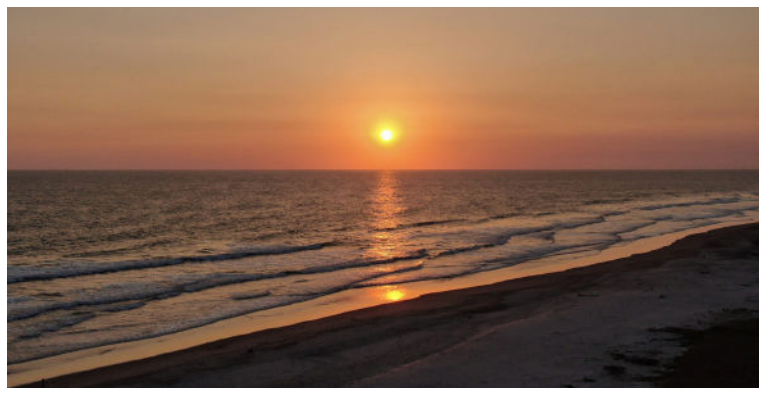

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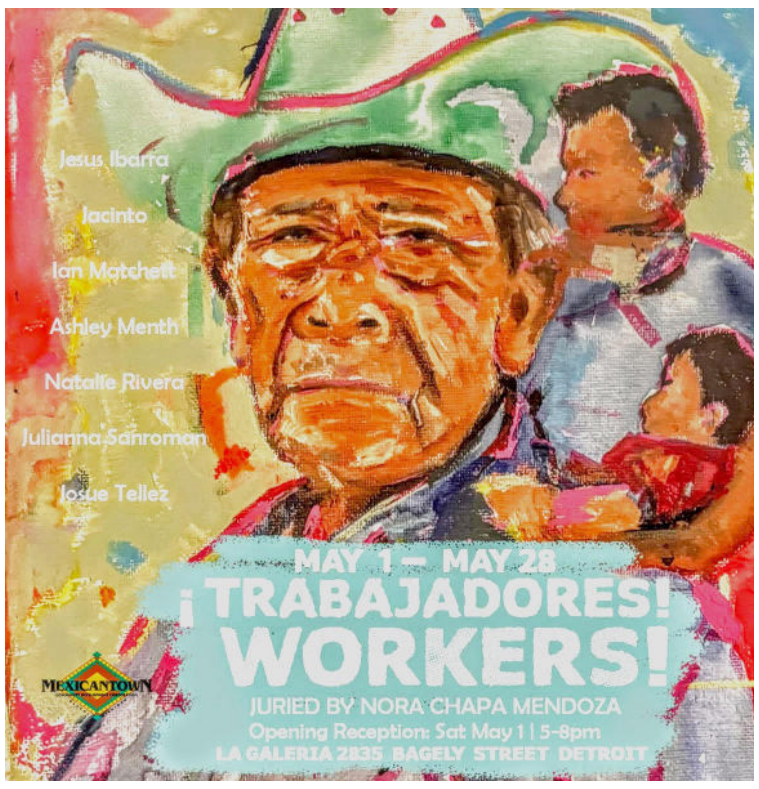


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